

Don't Hold Your Peace (Ester 4:5-16)

Proposition: Every child of God, should not hold their peace when it comes to missions because of the three basic reasons laid out for us in the book of Esther.

Don't hold your Peace because of...

I. A Specific Danger

- A. The Danger of an Enemies Desire (Ch. 3:1-6)
- B. The Danger of an Eventual Death (Ch. 3:13)

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II. A Sovereign Design

- A. A Special Access (Ch. 4:14)
- B. A Sacrificial Attitude (Ch. 4:16; 5:4)
- C. A Sovereign Attendance (Ch. 5:8; 6:1-2)

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III. A Saving Decree

- A. A Decree that was Signed (Ch. 8:11)
- B. A Decree that was Sent (Ch. 8:10)

Don't Hold Your Peace (Esther 4:3-16)

Imagine if you will you are driving along down the freeway. You can begin to ^{on the road} travel on a high overpass.

You notice below you a large tour bus begins to swerve back and forth and in a second the bus has flipped and is rolling off the road. You watch in horror as people begin to fly out the windows of the bus. The bus finally stops. People begin to cry for help. Yet you are so far away from them. You are paralyzed w/ panic. You don't know what to do. Finally someone

calls out to you and says "Don't just stand there, do something! Call for help!" Awaking from shock, you reach for your cell phone and call for help.

This is not unlike the gospel call today. There is a world wrecked by sin in need of the gospel message and many of us, after seeing the great need are frozen and just standing by as lives slip out into eternity. This seems to be the case w/

queen Esther ^① and here in our text Model I, A Specific Danger - The Danger of death lurked around the corner for every one of God's people. The decree that evil Haman had passed put the life of every

Jewish man woman boy and girl in danger.

A. The Danger of an Enemy's Desire - (3:1-6)

Haman's desire was to destroy every Jew in the Land. He was an enemy whose whole intent was the destruction of God's people. I know that not every one in this world is going to be born again into the family of God. But John 6:37 says Satan, the enemy's desire is to take as many to hell with him as possible. He is the thief that is come to steal and to kill and to destroy. Hell will ^{send} ~~not~~ rest until he has duped and deceived and destroyed every

B. The Danger of an Eventual Death - (3:13)

The decree which Haman had passed said that on a certain day every enemy of the Jew could rise up and slay the Jews and there would be no reproof, no judgment, and from the Jew there would be no defence. Because of man's sinfulness death lurks around every corner. Man is defenceless against it Rom 5:12 Wherefore as by... Heb 9:27 Approximately 100 people die every ^{in hell} minute around the world, most of which lift up their eyes.

II. A Sovereign Design - Although you will not find the name of God in the book of Esther you will find his sovereign fingerprints. Satan may be plot-

1) ...text Mordecai is calling out to Ester, "Don't hold thy peace!"

Don't just stand there, do something!" I believe that in the text before us today are mission principals that will encourage us to become evolved in mission endeavors personally. Every child of God, should not hold their peace when it comes to missions because of the three basic reasons laid out for us in the book of Esther.

2) John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and

him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

- 1) Romans 9:1-3 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
 - 2) ...a sacrifice is not a sacrifice if it doesn't cost something.

a peoples demise, but God is purposing a people Delivered

A. A Special Access - This brings us to Esther. Esther herself a Jew was miraculously placed in the palace as the wife of the Queen. (4:14)

She wasn't given this place of privilege just to become court elegante, to attend debilant balls but to access the King. I'll tell you you were born in America, saved into the Kingdom of God, Just to be concerned w/ who's gonna win in mere records

B. A Sacrificial Attitude - The law was that ~~she~~ if she came into the Kings presence uninvited that he could put her to death. But Vs(16), She was sacrificing her own comfort her own life for a people to be saved. Rom 9:13

There was the sacrifice of her efforts (5:4). I know that times are tough. But the churcha Philippi gave out of there need. Sacrifice

C. A Sovereign Attentiveness - (5:8) At the end of the banquet, she invited them to come again tomorrow. During the night we see God taking Esters efforts and using them for his glory. (6:1) King couldn't sleep. Called for chronicles. Lo and behold Mordeccia (6:2). God is there sovereignly softening the heart of the King.

III. A Saving Decree - By Chapter 7 we find the second Banquet at which Esther revealed the plot of wicked Haman. Haman was then taken out and hanged on

the very gallows intended for Mordecal. Now

A. A Decree that was Signed - In Ch 8 we find that a decree was signed that allowed the Jews to defend themselves and their families therefore bringing deliverance and salvation to all the Jews. Some 2000 years ago our Lord Jesus Christ the perfect Son of God was crucified on the cross of Calvary. When he had completed his work, saving the world of Satan, He cried teleologically, It is finished, thereby completing his saving and delivering work. The only way to be delivered

B. A Decree that was Sent - (8:10) After the decree was signed into law ^{cop} were given to riders, on all manner of transportation to carry the news of the decree to the 120 provinces. Yes we have a decree or declaration 1 Cor 15:3-4 "Christ died for our sins" but now that decree must be taken both near and far. Many of us take it from side walk to front stoop others take it to the ends of the earth but we all are to participate in the Great Commission

IV Close - Our world is in desperate need of the gospel. And we by the sovereignty of God have been chosen to participate in the enlargement and deliverance of many across the world. Don't stand there and hold your head.

- 1) ...to be delivered from death and judgment is to place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ and his death on the cross and resurrection from the grave.